GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SARDAR SAROVAR DAM
TARACHAND BHAGORA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision recently to give compensation to all the displaced persons in lieu of acquisition of their land for Sardar Sarovar Dam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons not given any kind of compensation till-date in lieu of acquisition of the farmers land for Sardar Sarovar Dam in Gujarat; and

(d) the estimated amount to be spent thereon and the ratio of the share of the Union and the State Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The issue related to compensation to all the displaced persons in lieu of acquisition of their land was considered by Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT). The Tribunal, in its Final Order of 1979, stipulated that "Every displaced family from whom more than 25% of its land holding is acquired shall be entitled to and be allotted irrigable land to the extent of land acquired from it subject to the prescribed ceiling in the State concerned and a minimum of 2 hectares (5 acres) per family, the irrigation facilities being provided by the State in whose territory the allotted land is situated. This land shall be transferred to the oustee family if it agrees to take it. The price charged for it would be as mutually agreed between Gujarat and the concerned State. Of the price to be paid for the land a sum equal to 50% of the compensation to the oustee family for the land acquired from it will be set off as an initial installment of payment. The balance cost of the allotted land shall be recovered from the allottee in 20 yearly installments free of interest. Where land is allotted in Madhya Pradesh or Maharashtra, all recoveries for the allotted land shall be credited to Gujarat.

The Government of Gujarat have further liberalized the abovecompensation package. According to this, "The landed oustee/encroacher who have received compensation of land has an option to contribute 50% of his compensation as initial installment towards the cost of allotted land rest of the amount of the cost of land to be repaid in 20 yearly interest free installments. If the oustee contributes 100% compensation towards the cost of the allotted land, the difference between the price of the allotted land and compensation would be treated as ex-gratia.

The Govt. of Maharashtra have also liberalized the compensation package and now the land is allotted to the outsses free of cost.

(c) All the oustees affected due to construction of Sardar Sarovar Dam upto an elevation of 90 m, so far, have been paid compensation as per the liberalized packages.

(d) Union Government does not share any cost of the Sardar Sarovar Project. The estimated amount and the amount spent on R&R so far, by the State Goverments is given below:

(Rs. in Crores)

State	Estimated cost as per 1986-87 price level (Provision in Project Report)	Estimated Cost at 1995 Price Level	Cumulative Expenditure as on September, 2001.
Madhya Pradesh	264.84	520.00	164.47
Maharashtra	24.11	53.09	116.49
Gujarat	27.46	297.00	290.66

Total	316.41	870.09	571.62